



Rapid River News

November 23rd, 2015

Welcome to the Rapid River News (RRN)! The RRN is a quick view of what is happening at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI.

Support for Muskegon! Last week the Muskegon Chronicle Editorial Board ran an editorial last week in support of moving forward with the Casino project. Here is the link to the editorial: http://www.mlive.com/opinion/muskegon/index.ssf/2015/11/lets_get_the_indian_casino_in.html?ath=319a086d8b7bcc210805c6504e828959#cmpid=nsltr_strybutton

Historical Presentation on the Ottawa! Tribal member Lee McCaslin has an educational presentation on the Ottawa Indians and past treaties and agreements, Wednesday the 25th of November at 5 p.m. in the Community Center at Aki Maadiziwin. Be sure and join us for this interesting presentation. *(This is a personal presentation and not one prepared under the auspices of the tribal government)*

Cookie Decorating Time! December 14th is the day for decorating cookies for the *Shop-with-a-Cop* program that takes place on the 15th. Please plan on joining us and help make the cookies look festive. The event is scheduled for 5 p.m. and is scheduled to take place at the Community Center. Call 398-4029 if you have questions



2014 Cookie Crew

THP Looking for your input! Tribal Historical Preservation has received a grant to teach some tribal 'arts'. Please let us know what tribal arts you would like to see taught here. Contact Tribal Historical Preservation Director Jay Sam at extension 6893 or call 1.888.723.8288 no later than tomorrow, November the 24th!

Workforce Development Program! See the details on all that Workforce Development has for you. Go to page 3 for the details or contact David in Commerce at 231.398.6842. Email David Hawley <dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov>.

Anishinaabe Kwezenhsak Waakaasewin Native Girls' Circle coming in January! See the full notice on page 7

LRCR Board announcement: The Little River Casino Resort Board of Directors and executive team will be available in the Grand River Room to receive comments and concerns from Tribal Members. They will be there 6 p.m. December 17

LRCR Board Sessions for 2016! Open Sessions at 6:00pm; Grand River Room; Tribal Members invited. January 28, 2016, February 25, 2016, March 24, 2016. Closed Sessions – tentative start time is 8:30am. Those sessions are scheduled for January 29, 2016, February 26, 2016, March 25, 2016

Children's Christmas Party! Check out page 2 for details on the Children's Christmas Party December 13th. Be sure and register by tomorrow, November 24th at 5 p.m. so that your young ones can receive gifts.

Last Currents of 2015 will be combined November/December! We've been experiencing some serious computer problems and the November issue of the paper is being delayed. We'll have a combined paper for you as soon as issues are fixed. Our apologies, but it's out of our control. There will be a printed copy too! Look for it to arrive in early December. You can always go on line to the website to see the latest information.



Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations). **Ogema Meet 'N Greet always the night before the meeting!**

- **Tribal offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday!** The Tribal Government Offices will be closed on November 26th and 27th, reopening on Monday the 30th.

- **Offices Closed Christmas to New Years!** Remember that the Tribal Government Offices are closed from noon on December 24th (Christmas Eve) until 8 a.m. on Monday, January 4th! Make plans accordingly!

Registration Deadline November 24th at 5 p.m.!



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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Commerce Department
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, Michigan 49660
231-723-8288
231-398-6870 FAX

Take Control of Your Future!

Commerce/Workforce Development Program Benefits for Tribal Members*:

- Internship 240 hours @ \$10.00 per hour
- Internship Hosting \$150.00 Honorarium
- Development & Training Up to \$300.00 per calendar year
- Career Assistance Voucher \$200.00 per calendar year
- Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher \$250.00 per calendar year
- GED/Adult Education Completion Voucher \$250.00 one time
- Adult Work Experience/Employment Program 320 hours @ \$10.00 per hour
- Youth Work Experience/Employment Program 320 hours @ \$8.15 per hour
- Vocational Assistance Award (need based) Up to \$4,000.00
- Summer College Book Stipend Program \$200.00, \$300.00, or \$500.00
- Job Seeker & Career Related Activities Work Station Upon Request
- GED Preparation Book Upon Request
- Job Readiness Training By Appointment
- Referral Services to Michigan Works! Free

*Tribal Member/Workforce Development Program Applicant must meet eligibility requirements and component requirements.

All programs subject to availability of funds. Applicants are served on a first come first served basis.

See Program for details and eligibility requirements.



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LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Check the website at www.lrboi.com

For the latest postings!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to: **LRBOI Human Resources**

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288



Fall in Michigan!

On one of the last nice days in the season, the Education Department ladies, Yvonne Parsons and Debra Davis brought in leftover Milkweed Pods and set the seeds free behind the Government Center. Helping was Daydreana Davis.



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Legal Internship in D.C. for Native Students

Posted on [November 17, 2015](#) by [S. Donnelly](#)

The Udall Foundation offers exceptional opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native students, and we would love for you to forward this information to students involved with your club or organization.

Native American Congressional Internship: This ten-week summer internship in Washington, D.C., is for American Indian and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian Country. The internship is fully funded: the Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem for food and incidentals, and a stipend at the close of the program. [View the application and sign up for free webinars.](#) You may also visit [udall.gov](#) to see what some of our [alumni](#) are up to now.

Please share this information and feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We'd also love to see you on Facebook, where we share application tips and alumni share job announcements: [Native Education @ Udall Foundation](#).

Thank you,

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Program Manager

Native American Congressional Internship Program

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Family Services partners with the Salvation Army to assist Tribal families

The **LRBOI Family Services** department in collaboration with the **Manistee Salvation Army** is proud to offer clothing and household item assistance for those meeting program income guidelines. Upon completion of an initial intake and assessment by Family Services staff, Tribal families may be eligible for punch cards which can be redeemed at the Manistee Salvation Army thrift store. In an effort to further the collaboration between organizations, two red donation barrels have been provided by the Salvation Army to collect gently used clothing from the community to replenish the thrift store. One of the barrels is located in the lobby of the Family Services department and the other location will be determined soon.



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FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians On-site Assistance in our Muskegon Office

December 3 & 4, 2015

Restore your financial health

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has signed an MOU with Chi Ishobak, a Native Community Development Financial Institution to provide tribal citizens with access to financial education, to help bring you to a state of financial wellness.

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 10:00 a.m.
Presentation & Private Appointments
1101 West Hackley, Muskegon, MI

Presentation by Sean Winters regarding Chi Ishobak, CDFI
Entrepreneurial Support, Debt Elimination, Credit Building, Financial
Responsibility, Cultural Obligation, Wealth Building that works

Thursday, December 3, 2015 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Private Appointments,
1101 West Hackley, Muskegon, MI

Relieve financial stress with proper management of your finances

Call for your 15 - 30 minute intake appointment

Stuck in payday loans?
Need assistance ever
month to keep your utili-
ties on, habitually falling
behind on rent? Break
the cycle now with per-
sonalized strategies and
confidential assistance.

Make your appointment
Today!

- Call Chi Ishobak at
- (269) 783-4157



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Anishnaabe Kwezenhsak Waakaasewin Native Girls Circle



Everyone Welcome

Weneah Pil: January 13, 2016 thru March 17, 2016

Wednesdays 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Aanil pilsh: Tribal Government Center

Weekly session include: sharing circle & meal & Craft time

Open to youth ages
9-13

To Reserve your Spot please contact : Julie Wolfe @ At 251.590.6740

If you need Transportation please call me

Manistee Child Advocacy Center would like to invite
you to the most delicious benefit known to man kind!

For the Love of Children and Chocolate

This is your opportunity to purchase over 50 luscious handmade chocolate
treats which support services to protect children.

All proceeds benefit Manistee County child
victims and families of abuse and neglect.

December 4th & 5th 2015

Friday: 3:00 — 7:00 pm

Saturday: 12:00 — 7:00 pm

Location : 318 River Street
(Next to Bluefish Restaurant)





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Tribal Court—November Docket

Key:		EM	Emancipation of Minor	NA	Neglect Abuse
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FJ	Foreign Judgment	NC	Name Change
CS	Child Support	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	PF	Probate
CT	Civil Ticket	GA	Gaming Appeal	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DM	Divorce with children	GC	General Civil	TA	Trust Access
DP	Paternity	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
DO	Divorce w/o children	GR	Employment Matter	WC	Workmen’s Compensation
EA	Enrollment Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint		
EB	Election Board Appeal	JV	Juvenile		
		LT	Landlord Tenant		

Monday, November 23, 2015

Judge Bailey

11:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse 11223NA Closed Hrg.

Monday, November 30, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. Gregory v. Gregory 14218DM
11:00 a.m. Burch v. Burch 15150DO Pretrial
4:00 p.m. Adoption 15202AA

Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th 2015 the court offices will be closed for the THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.



No Shave November Public Safety is raising money to help purchase winter apparel for children in our community that may not have proper winter gear. If you would like to pledge money towards the cause, please contact Matt Umlauf or any of our Tribal Public Safety Officers!



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Attention US Veterans/Tribal Warriors

The LRBOI Tribal Enrollment Department would like to encourage you to make sure and share your Military status information with the tribal offices!

If we don't know that you are one of our Warriors, it is hard to honor your service and assist you with obtaining information that could be helpful to you. Please contact the Enrollment Department and let them know you are one of our Warriors!

Contact their offices at extension 6712/6713

Thanks for your service!

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Please let your voice be HEARD!! If you have not registered to Vote, call the Enrollment Office at 231.398.6712 or the Election Board Offices at extension 6709 to have a Voter Registration Form sent to you. Fill it out and attach a copy of your Tribal I.D. Then return it!

You must be registered to vote in tribal elections!

Don't procrastinate, you want your vote to make a difference! Don't let others speak for you!!

If you have questions about how to fill out the Voter Registration Form, call us at 231-398-6712.

The Rapid River News is a publication of the Office of Public Affairs of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information!

Please note that Hyperlinks are scattered through the RRN. These 'links' take you direct documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on the or copy and paste them in your browser for more information



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“O Great Spirit Whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, here me! I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.” *From Prayer to the Great Spirit*

The Great Spirit runs the world and the people by a set of natural laws and principles. He says we are to live our lives and make decisions that will be in harmony with these laws. He says we should be respectful to all things and to all people. He says we should pray for each other. He says we should forgive one another. It is easy to tell if a person is following the ways of the Great Spirit. You can tell by how a man walks in life. He doesn't need to say anything. If we are dishonest or deceitful, other people will know. This is true because we are all interconnected in the Unseen World.

My Creator, let me obey our ways. Let me Walk the Talk.

Kateri prayer

(Cultural & Government related items)

Warriors Society: Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email:

BigKahunnnna@aol.com' (BigKahunnnna@aol.com)

for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



Commission Openings! **Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees!** The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.



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Departments	Location	Main phone numbers
Accounting	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	Government Center — Main Entrance	231.398.6866
Commodities	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398. 6715
Courts	Justice Center on M22	231.398.3406
Education	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	Government Center—Lower Level	231.398.6636
Family Services	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Grants Department	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6843
Gaming Commission	Old Casino Building	231-723-7755
Health Clinic	Government Center—North End	231.723.8299
Historic Preservation	Government Center— Lower Level	231.398.6891
Housing	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6859
Members Legal Asst.	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	9th Street Offices—Manistee	231.723.1594
Peacemaking/Probation	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	Government Center —Main Entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6842